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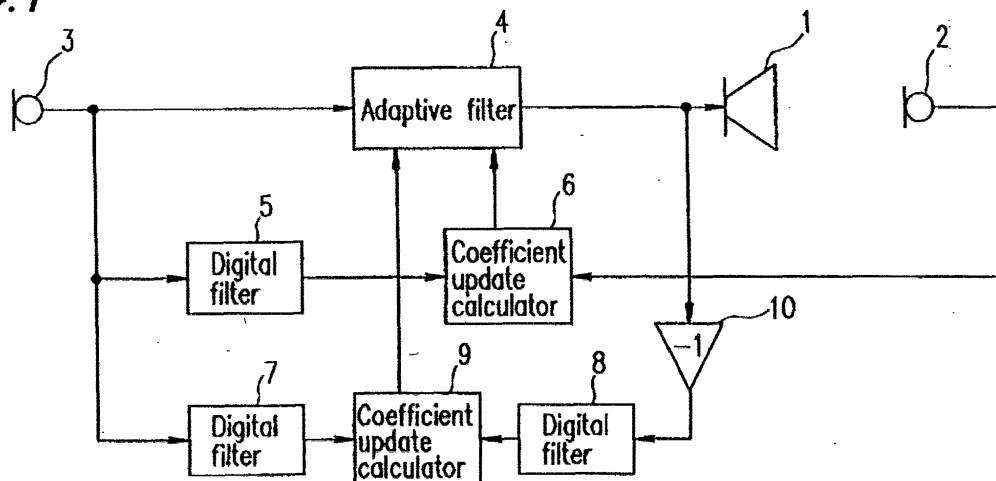
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(54) **Noise control system**

(57) A noise control system includes: a control sound generator (1) for generating a control sound; an error detector (2) for detecting an error signal between the control sound and noise; a noise detector (3) for detecting a noise source signal; an adaptive filter (4) for outputting a control signal; and a coefficient updator for updating a coefficient of the adaptive filter (4). The coefficient updator includes at least a first digital filter (5), a first coefficient update calculator (6), a second digital filter (7), a second coefficient update calculator (9), a third digital filter (8),

and a second coefficient update calculator (9). Alternatively, the coefficient updator includes at least a first digital filter, a second digital filter, a third digital filter, a coefficient update calculator, a phase inverter, a first adder, and a second adder. In either case, the coefficient updator has a function of suppressing an increase in a coefficient gain of the adaptive filter in a predetermined frequency band.

FIG. 1





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A noise control system comprising several coefficient update calculators each associated with a selector for thinning out their outputs. A selection control calculator allows the control of these first and second selection controllers.

2. Claim : 6

A noise control system comprising several coefficient update calculators, a signal level converter with a characteristic obtained by normalizing an input-distortion characteristic of the control sound generator

3. Claims: 9-20

A noise control system comprising a coefficient update calculator and two adders.

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